



Little Hadham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **Little Hadham Parish Council** (2019 – 2023 Session) held in the Little Hadham Village Hall on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Faraday (Chair)
Cllr R Mardell
Cllr M Wilkinson
Cllr F Arkell
Cllr C Westlake

Also: Clerk: District Councillor G Williamson, Jan Williamson (Chair of Village Hall), 11 Members of the public Greg Hilton (Endurance Energy), Neil Osborn (DLP Planning) (Henry Brown (Infraland) Joel Fayers (MPC)

- 22.08.01** **To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr Hunt sent apologies, due to holiday. Council accepted the apologies. No apologies received from Cllr Hoodless
- 22.08.02** **Public Issues** - Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.
- 22.08.03** Joel Fayers (on behalf of Endurance Energy) presented an update on the key changes made to the scheme at Wickham Hall Solar Farm. Presentation is on LHPC website.
Action: Highways document not on website, to be requested from Joel Fayers. They said there is two documents not on the website. What is the other one

The site is now proposed to be 73% of the original East Herts size, reduced from 49.9 megawatts to 35 (now that Uttesford have refused the application). Hedges and trees are to be planted – on the A120 there are hedgerows and on southern boundary the plans for deciduous hedges with holly, blackthorn will effectively be what the ecologists suggest.

Construction phase from Hertfordshire highways. Access is directly on the A120 between the first roundabout on the A120 and the bypass at Bishops Stortford. Construction period of up to 9 months.

Connection to the substation is below ground. Cllr Faraday proposes we vote as to whether Little Hadham Parish Council are going to object to this application. In favour of remaining neutral to this proposal are Cllrs: Faraday, Mardell, Westlake, Arkell. Objections from Cllr Wilkinson. An additional comment re the replanting obligation. Cllr Faraday requested a written obligation to replant all hedgerows within the 40-year period.

- 22.08.04** **Declaration of interest and dispensations** – to receive Declaration of Interest from councillors on items on the agenda. No interests declared
- 22.08.05** **Approval of minutes** held on 5th July 2022 to be agreed and signed as a true record. Minutes agreed and signed as a true record.
- 22.08.06** **Matters arising from the minutes.**
- 22.08.07** **Planning applications** - considered by EHC (All planning applications have been reviewed by Councillors and no extensions were sought)
- 3/22/1402/HH PROPOSAL: Raising the roof height to create first floor level with first floor front and rear windows. Single storey front porch. Alterations to ground floor external materials and windows. Insertion of new doors and screens. Construction of detached double garage at Chasedene, Millfield Lane Bury Green. Comments to EHC by: 2nd August 2022. Cllr Wilkison suggested no objections. Councillors unanimously agreed.
 - 3/22/1430/LBC PROPOSAL: Conversion of barn to a two-bedroom single storey detached residential dwelling with garage and outbuilding. Alterations to fenestration and installation of additional windows and openings at Home Farm Chapel. Comments to



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EHC by 10th August 2022. No comments received from councillors. Cllr Wilkinson suggested no objections. Councillors unanimously agreed. .

- 3/21/2601/FUL PROPOSAL: Erection of a solar photovoltaic farm with an output capacity not to exceed 49.9MW of energy, with supporting infrastructure and battery storage, inverters, and transformers, fencing and landscaping works at: Land At Wickham Hall Estate Hadham Road. Comments by: 18th August 2022
- 3/22/1393/FUL PROPOSAL: Change of use of field to paddock. Construction of stables and menage. Associated hardstanding at Paddock Southeast Of The Cottage Green . Comments to EHC by: 25th August 2022. No objections.
- 3/22/1502/FUL PROPOSAL: Change of use of field from agriculture to a dog exercise area, with fencing and gates at Land North Of Plantains Wood Cottages And East Of Little Hadham Bypass. Comments to EHC by 5th September 2022. Cllr Wilkinson suggested no objections. Councillors agreed. Cllr Faraday abstained.

Planning decisions received from EHC.

- 3/22/1013/FUL. Proposed side extension to the existing all-weather equestrian outdoor arena at Land South Of Little Hamstead Acremore . This matter was considered by EH on 17/07/22 and was decided to Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions
- 3/21/2943/HH. Single storey rear extension with glazed link and creation of basement extension. Demolition of summer house and relocation of garden shed at Stewards Cottage Hadham Hall . This matter was considered by EH Council on 25/07/22 and it was decided to Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions
- 3/21/2944/LBC. As above
- 3/22/1172/HH. Construction of part two storey rear: one and a half storey side extension with dormer window: single storey rear extension. Demolition of extension and erection of single storey orangery; one and a half storey side extension with dormer window. Construction of porch at Fairbourne. This matter was considered by EH Council on 29/7/22 and was decided to Grant Planning Permission subject to Condition
- 3/21/1768/FUL. Change of use of an agricultural building to Use Class E; creation of first floor with associated internal and external alterations: replacement of doors and cladding; alterations to fenestration and insertion of new windows and roof lights. AT: Unit 11 Hadham Industrial Estate Church End . This matter was considered by EH Council on 29/07/22 and it was decided to Refuse Planning Permission
- 3/22/1095/HH. Erection of single storey rear extension with mono pitch roof and three roof lights, alterations to fenestration and construction of a raised terrace at Copper Beech Standon . This matter was considered by EH Council on 22/08/2022 and it was decided to Grant Planning Permission subject to Conditions

22.08.08

Reports from Working Parties and Committees

- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Faraday – Met with planning consultant on NP. Cllr Faraday commented all of the work that has been done on the NP, whilst has some interest, will have to be re-done. However, we would be entitled to grant funding. The process will take three years and takes hundreds of man hours. Cllr Faraday said it is a resourcing issue as we need resource to invest the time. 6-8 people, 2 hours or so per month. Cllrs Faraday, Kent, and the clerk are happy to contribute a couple of hours per month. Cllr Faraday asked the audience if there was any interest to commit to the plan. Cllr Williamson said the biggest challenge previously was that the village couldn't work out what the plan was for. The plan is expected to take development. Little Hadham is not a Group 1 village – who are expected to take development. Little Hadham is a group 2 and 3. A NP can still perform a function but without the drive for development it is more difficult. Cllr Faraday thinks there is some merit in asking if we can rely on the District Plan. **Action: put something out to ask for names to come forward for the NP.** Dave Willett said one of the issues raised is that we have seven hamlets split over



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a large area. One thing PC could do is how we get more people involved from different parts of the village.

- **Allotments** – Cllr Wilkinson – vacancy for Allotment Manager to go on website and also the Parish News.
- National Allotment Society – opportunity to purchase seeds and also provide us with support for update to the allotment rules. **Action: present the new allotment rules at the October meeting.**
- **Ridgeway Park Update** – Cllr Westlake – progress update. Nigel has drawn up some of the proposals from the survey and the visioning event. Is there a preference for A or B. Not cast in stone because this is going to cost money, and there will be grant applications, Need to get together a group to progress the project. Using Wyld Edges to support with the design to develop it in the permaculture way. In October Parish News. Email clerk with thoughts and come back to the November meeting. Look at equipment in the playground. Ask the parish if they use the equipment. Survey monkey out to the village. Link in with the Ridgeway
- **New benches** – Cllr Mardell – benches have been bought, just waiting for delivery.
- **Drive Safe** – Cllr Mardell – hit a block, because the outgoing lead left before the incoming lead came on board. We need to re-apply, will be April before we get any joy at all. Cllr Mardell is going to submit the application this week. **Action Cllr Mardell to confirm at next meeting**

22.08.09 Reports to the Council To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities, and agencies

- **District Councillor Report** - Cllr Williamson – Wickham Hall – all falls in East Herts now because Uttlesford have refused. Getting closer to going to committee to make a decision. Land category is a key one. Arguments are balanced, interesting to see how the planning goes. Goes to committee October. Park Hill View appeal October and will be on zoom.
- **Village Hall** – Jan Williamson
 - August busy month for maintenance on the hall. Covid and flu boosters taking place in October.
 - 4 week rolling initiative by the NHS about ‘Let’s talk Menopause’ – 60 attendees.
 - Next year’s fund raising – Open Gardens 18th June 2023, working with the gardening club.
 - 10th December for the Christmas Disco.
 - **Action: Jan to come to next meeting to provide energy costs for the year**

Police Report – Cllr Mardell – Little Hadham on business estate, snapped of padlock, nothing taken.

- **Areas of responsibility** – councillor allocation, priority for delivery by 31/03/23.
 - o Finance & Asset Management – Cllr Faraday
 - o Planning – Cllr Wilkinson
 - o Allotments – Cllr Wilkinson
 - o Flooding – Cllr Westlake – sort something out to get some action from the authorities
 - o Footpaths – Cllr Hoodless
 - o Playgrounds & Planning Fields – Cllr Mardell
 - o Village Hall Liaison – Cllr Arkell
 - o Highways (including Drive Safe) – Cllr Arkell
 - o Communications – Cllr Hoodless
 - o Community Events – Cllr Westlake / Clerk
 - o Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Kent / Cllr Faraday
 - o Police Committee – Cllr Mardell
 - o Legal Issues & Land Registry – Cllr Kent

22.08.10 Chair’s Report (Appendix 1)



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- Lloyd Taylor Drain - flood mapping is still planned to change in September. Cllr Faraday to follow up. Action: seek a letter a letter to say the flood mapping has been completed.
- Highways – prepared to meet to discuss the Highways issues. Cllr Faraday has availability any weekday between 10-3. **Action: Cllr Arkell to provide his availability.**
- Berden solar farm – part of the construction traffic management plan included access to the site around the Little Hadham bypass onto the Albury road. Cllr Faraday has drafted a letter outlining the problem. All councillors agreed to the letter being sent.
- Willows on bridleway of Ford Hill need coppicing. Cllr Faraday has received pledges from two residents to £100 each. This leaves £400 for the Parish Council to pay. Cllr Faraday asked for approval to pay the invoice of £600. All councillors agreed.

22.08.11 Clerk's Report

- To agree to payment of accounts. Councillors agreed to the spend as detailed in the financial spreadsheet.
- To accept the accuracy of the financial statement. The councillors agreed to the accuracy of the financial statement.

22.08.12 Correspondence

- **Request for either** Highways or EA to present at next meeting.
- Church End – have seen a number of different applications, permitted developments and licensing events. Cllr Faraday requested a councillor to head this up. Clerk will step up until one of the councillors takes on the responsibility.
- Hire van parked on the road by the footbridge over the river ash. **Action Cllr Arkell to see if the van is taxed and insured.**

22.08.13 Date of next Council meeting – Tuesday, 4th October

22.08.14 To close the meeting.



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Appendix 1 – Chairs Report

Issue	Summary	Current Status
Ridgeway Road Re-surfacing	<p>Had a meeting with David Hardcastle at Clarion, who was the engineer that previously looked at a proposal for Clarion but was never taken forward. He has shared the detail with me.</p> <p>I am seeking a date to meet with the residents to pass on the information. This is a private issue going forward and won't require further LHPC input</p>	A
Highways	Many issues remain outstanding – see separate log. Highways have agreed to meet but not yet confirmed a date.	R
Bridleway Willows	<p>Work completed. Payment to be approved at this meeting and £100 contributions to be made from residents.</p> <p>Invoice from Howlett's Professional Tree Services Limited £600 of which £100 VAT recoverable and £100 contribution from residents. Net cost to LHPC is £400. Previous minutes from 2014 and 2015 show LHPC consistently took responsibility and cost for maintain the willows at a cost of £75 per year. The work undertaken is expected to last for 5 years before further work is required. The net cost of £400 is £80 on an annualised basis, so consistent with the previous commitment by LHPC and addresses the issue in a more sustainable way.</p>	G
Lloyd Taylor Drain remedial work	Work is ongoing. I have asked the EA agency for an update, but none provided yet	A
Flood maps	Previous correspondence from the EA confirmed the flood maps would be updated in September following a re-evaluation of the original submission back in March. I have asked for an update, but none yet provided	A
Stansted airspace modernisation	No update. Phase 2 ongoing	G
Post office	I continue to negotiate with the Post Office regarding funding for the continued operation at the village hall. This needs to be concluded in September.	R
River Ash clearance	I will shortly be asking the Environment Agency for their timetable of work for the annual autumn clearance of vegetation from the Ash. This was not done last year.	A
Repairs to the Ford Pump	We have one quote for the repair work required to the pump at the Ford. Further quotes are being sought.	A
Berden solar farm	<p>The planning consultation for Berden solar farm included a submitted traffic plan for construction traffic to join Albury Road from the new bypass – no such junction exists. Traffic, estimated at 350 vehicles but no evidence was provided for this – would instead have to route through the parish to access Albury Road.</p> <p>I have drafted a letter of opposition for the PC to consider.</p>	G

